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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Library scholarship applications due October 2

The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce the [Missouri State Library Scholarships](#) for the winter/spring 2007 and summer 2007 semesters. Scholarships are available to Missouri students pursuing a master's degree in library science or school library media specialist certification. After graduation, scholarship recipients must commit to working in a publicly funded Missouri library as a full-time professional employee.

Applications must be postmarked by October 2, 2006, and forms are available at www.sos.mo.gov/library/scholarship. This is the only application period for the winter/spring 2007 and summer 2007 semesters.

The scholarship program is supported by funds from the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The State Library encourages those who subscribe to *Newsline Extra* to share this information with other library staff members who might be interested in this opportunity. For further information, please contact [Brenda Sites](#) at 800-325-0131, ext. 13.

Summer Reading Program Merchandise from Previous Years Deemed Safe

Highsmith, Inc., the vendor contracted by the Collaborative Summer Library Program to sell summer promotional and incentive materials to member libraries, has completed multiple tests on toys similar to the bendable cat and dog figurines recalled in early August.

In addition to the cat and dog toy, Highsmith has distributed three other bendable toys through the 2005 and 2006 order forms: fairy tale figures, monkeys and farm animals. These three styles, while purchased from the same wholesaler, were manufactured for the wholesaler at different facilities than the cat and dog bendables. Highsmith has been advised by the wholesaler that the products were tested multiple times in the past and in the most recent month. All styles passed and meet applicable Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, including lead content.

New NCES public library report posted

The National Center for Education Statistics has released a report including the national and state summary data on public libraries in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, with an introduction, findings and numerous tables. The report is based on data from the Public Libraries Survey for fiscal year 2004, and includes information on population of legal service area, service outlets, public service hours, library materials, total circulation, circulation of children's materials, reference transactions, library visits, children's program

attendance, interlibrary loans, electronic services and information, full-time-equivalent staff, operating revenue and expenditures and capital expenditures.

The report includes several key findings such as library visits to public libraries totaled 1.3 billion, or 4.7 library visits per capita, and the average number of internet terminals available for public use per stationary outlet was 10.3. To download, view or print the publication, please visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006349>

'Grow Your Own @ Your Library' scholarships offered

The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, is now accepting applications for its popular "Grow Your Own @ Your Library" institutional scholarship through the online application form available at www.pla.org. This year, PLA will award nine public libraries with grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff members who are working to obtain a master's degree in library and information science. One library from each of the nine Public Library Data Service (PLDS) population categories will be selected. Please see the award application for more information on the nine service population categories.

The scholarship terms require that \$6,500 be used directly for payment of tuition at the undergraduate level or for coursework at an ALA-accredited library school at the graduate level for as many staff as the recipient library chooses. The remaining \$1,500 is to be used to support attendance for one or more of the selected scholarship recipients to attend PLA-sponsored continuing education.

The deadline for submitting an application is December 1, 2006. The award jury will review applications and select a recipient at the American Library Association (ALA) 2007 Midwinter Meeting. Award winners will be announced in February 2007.

For more information, contact the PLA office at 800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA, or visit PLA's Web site at www.pla.org.

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